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REMARKS

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 19 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Runzi (US Patent No. 4,565,360).

On page 3 of the Action, it was indicated that claims 5, 6, 8, 12-18, and 20-26 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the rejections, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 6, 8, 13, 20 and 28 have been amended to correct dependency.

With the amendments, all pending claims should be allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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